

THE CITY OF MARQUETTE

MARQUETTE, KANSAS 67464

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August 12, 2003

Secretary Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

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RE: Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP") and Central Kansas Railway Company ("CKR")
Abandonment in McPherson County, Kansas, Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 158X) for UP
DONATION AGREEMENT FROM UNION PACIFIC AND ANOTHER
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

Dear Secretary Williams:

On August 8, 2003 the Union Pacific Railroad Company proposed a Donation Agreement to cover the donation of certain property to the City of Marquette, Kansas. They will be engaging an appraiser who should be able to complete his appraisal of the property by September 30, 2003.

Therefore, another request is being filed on behalf of the City of Marquette, Kansas for an extension of time of 180 days to finalize the terms of the abandoned railway property from Union Pacific Railroad Company to the City of Marquette.

Please note that throughout the entire rail abandonment proceeding, the City of Marquette, Kansas has cooperated and continues to cooperate with the Surface Transportation Board by filing timely requests for extension of time to negotiate with the Union Pacific Railroad Company.

Also, please note that throughout the entire rail abandonment proceeding, the Union Pacific Railroad Company has demonstrated and continues to demonstrate its willingness to negotiate with the City of Marquette, Kansas.

Respectfully submitted,

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Frederick L. Peterson, City Clerk
On behalf of the City of Marquette

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